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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21.

The political situation as we go to press has not cleared and we see nothing that indicates an early settlement. Both parties are seeking legal redress to right the wrongs they allege against each other, and when and where and how these contentions will be settled is not just yet in sight. Mr. Taylor is still holding the executive building but has discharged the larger part of the State troops. He has had to guard himself while awake and protect himself while asleep. Gov. Beckham and the Democratic party of the Legislature are now in Frankfort and Gov. Beckham will open up the Executive office in the Capitol Hotel. The situation may clear up in a few days or the dark clouds of political uncertainty may hover over our State for a long while. In the main we can only wait for results and accept the decision of the courts.

Some time ago the people of Columbus had hope of securing the school to be established by the Louisville Conference in the Columbia District or adjacent to it; but now every vestige of hope has disappeared and we are left to blaze out our own path in the education—all live or remain in a first class community with only moderate facilities. What shall we do? Shall we proceed in the old path and offer no better inducements and advantages to the children of to-day than most of us were forced to accept thirty years ago? Shall we become disengaged because Columbus was not the favored spot for the establishment of the school so recently passed to our neighboring town, or shall we take up more courage and put our claims to a successful termination? It is a fact that the M. & F. High School at this place, under the management of Prof. T. A. Baker, is now more flourishing than it has been for several years and at present has nearly one hundred pupils under the control of good competent teachers, but the present flourishing condition of the school is mainly due to the industry and thought work of Prof. Baker, and if he or some others would manage this school for 10 or 15 years, we feel confident that it would afford all the advantages as were proposed by the school we sought, but we have no such assurances and in the face of these conditions it is apparent that we need a school on a stronger and firmer financial basis and under such management that it will grow each year in offering better facilities. That this community is amply able to establish such a school is apparent and the greatest hindrance is indifference. Since our Methodists

brethren have passed us, why not the Presbyterians better themselves and establish a school of high order in this town? They already have a college building and grounds and if the Presbyterians would provide an annual fund of \$1000 or more, we see no reason why we could not have just the same grade school as was proposed by the Louisville Conference. If the Presbyterians would make the above provisions and then call on the people of this town and community to contribute, we believe that a good amount could be secured for repairs and buying more ground etc. If the church there controls the situation would venture to cast some bread up on the water it seems to us that good return would result. The iron is hot.

The many reporters who have sought the news at Frankfort the last few weeks have advertised the mountain section of this State to the extent that people living in other States have just reason to believe that the hilly part of old Kentucky produces no other character of man than that of a fearless, aggressive out-thrust. We believe that the reputation of this State, and especially the mountain part of it, has been outrageously misrepresented. We do not mean that the set of men who were brought to Frankfort from the mountains have been slandered in the least, for we believe they had been selected for their rough and fearless methods for the purpose of intimidating the Legislature, if possible, and failing in this, that they could do a more desperate deed. But we do believe that the many reporters have indulged in too sweeping accusations against the mountain section. Founds have existed in many of the mountain counties, and at times it has been hard to enforce the law in many of them, but that does not indicate that they—the people, are all desperately bad. We have spent many days in the mountains of this State; have met the rough, uncultured man and also the shrewd and polished gentleman, but in no instance were we, in the least, mistreated, but to the contrary, found more hospitality than in the average country. Facilities are not so numerous for the moral and intellectual advancement of the youths of the mountains as in other sections of the State, and neither are the inducements so general for hypocritical actions, hence we believe that the intelligent mountain people of this State are the equal of any other section in their desire to do good and live a peaceful and humble life; but the injustice to that section comes, not so much from a desire to misrepresent and malign that locality, but from the average character as seen and reported by the representatives of the press, and in the present political condition of the State, the rough, the fearless and the dangerous characters have been induced to assemble in Frankfort under the pretense of witness in the contest, but in reality to intimidate the Democratic Legislature or to do what has been done. This rough class, armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers of huge size, and the representatives of the press met in our Capital City and the mountain section was judged by its representatives. We believe that just such desperate characters could have been secured from other parts of the State, as they were probably more easily secured in that section, and as that part of the country is so intensely Republican, it is likely that the leaders knew where they had better call for aid. If the abiding citizens of the mountains feel that an injustice has been done them in this matter, they should carry their complaint to the Republican leaders who made the draw on their section and which resulted in the administration they received. The Republicans at Frankfort are responsible for the unjust nomination brought against the mountain section.

Roosevelt has almost immortalized himself with a few Kentucky Republicans by taking the Taylor side of the political quarrel, and it is apparent that we need a school on a stronger and firmer financial basis and under such management that it will grow each year in offering better facilities. That this community is amply able to establish such a school is apparent and the greatest hindrance is indifference. Since our Methodists

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Another turnabout is awaiting the Republicans. They have appealed from Judge Taft's decision to the Supreme Court of the United States on the question of jurisdiction over the contests for the minor State offices. McKinley, Judge Evans and Taft have all decided that the election should be set aside and the election should be held again. The iron is hot.

Mr. Clem. W. Higgins renewes his charge against Dr. T. T. Enton in Saturday's Courier-Journal.

JOPPA.

Mr. M. R. Gabbert is growing well.

Mr. Milly A. Bryant who has been in delicate health for sometime is worse than usual.

Mr. Mont Montgomery and wife have moved in their new dwelling and seem to be contented for all time to come.

Mr. Taylor Young purchased a farm from Mr. Syly Cumbess and moved to it this week.

Mr. R. M. Cabell and wife were visiting Russell Springs a few days ago.

Mr. Nathan McKinley, who has been attending the Zion school has returned to his home near Grayson.

Miss Fannie and Mary Holliday were visiting Estelle Willis last week.

Leslie Bennett, Columbus, was in this neighborhood last week buying chickens.

Miss Estelle Willis will leave for Bowling Green next Monday where she will enter school.

Mrs. Lee Garnett is visiting her mother this week.

Quite a number of young people of this community attended a social at Mr. Luther Williams' last Friday night.

Miss Fannie Holliday has been quite sick for a few days.

Prof. R. O. Cabbell is teaching a singing school at Gradyville.

A. Hann is in this neighborhood looking for cattle last week.

We are having a most interesting school at Zion under the instruction of Prof. C. E. Willis.

Mr. James Walker, Gradyville, was in this community this week buying mules.

Lawrence Montgomery made a business trip to Gradyville one day last week.

Everett and Kist Montgomery will take charge of the Dr. Montgomery farm this year.

Ed. Z. T. Williams attended service at Zion last Sunday for the last time before leaving for Palestine. May he return safely back to Pleasant Hill and tell us all of his journey.

At Bull Run.



Oscar Ober, alias, or "Devil" N.Y.—was struck by a piece of shell while serving in the 1st Regt. of the 1st N.Y. Inf.

"At least Bull Run is fit for shell shattering," he said. "I am afraid to say, in which I am not to me to an extent that several doctors say I am not fit for duty."

Dr. M. J. Jones, New Haven, Conn., says, "I am afraid to say, and that they ought to be ashamed of themselves."

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